

MINUTES

Reese Village Council
2073 Gates Street
January 13, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: In the Municipal Building, President Keast called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: President: Paul Keast, Trustees: Doug Squanda, Darryl Tafoya, Brian Weihl and Matthew Bouvy

Absent: Village Manager Thomas Raymond and Trustee Jeff Skias

Staff Present: Clerk Courtney Owens

Guests in Attendance: Chris Rogner – Denmark Twp Clerk, Chris Hennessy with Fleis and Vandenbrink

Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda: Add Fleis and Vandenbrink about VanBuren Rd to “C” under unfinished or pending matters. **Motion** by Squanda, 2nd by Bouvy to approve the agenda with the change **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adoption of Minutes from meeting held December 9, 2024: **Motion** by Bouvy, 2nd by Weihl, to adopt the minutes of the December 9, 2024. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

Consent Agenda: **Motion** by Weihl, 2nd by Tafoya, to accept the reports from Fire, Police Dept., and DPW. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes Received from Boards & Commissions: **Motion** by Tafoya, 2nd by Squanda, to accept the reports from Blumfield Reese Water Authority. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Letters to the Trustees – None

Approval of Check Listing: **Motion** by Bouvy, 2nd by Weihl to accept check listing #'s 23401 to 23472 totaling \$219,025.26 for fund accounts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Update Unfinished or Pending Matters:

- A. Storm Drain issues M-81 and Gugino St. – President Keast, Gene Ellison and Manager Tom Raymond met with Spicer and received preliminary cost estimates and blueprints for the project. We are now shovel ready. Still waiting on final word from Congresswoman Lisa McClains office regarding funding.
- B. Community Park – Brian Weihl addressed the council stating there would be a Park and Rec meeting Tuesday January 14, 2025.
- C. VanBuren Rd. Project – Chris Hennessey from Fleis and Vandenbrink was present to congratulate the council on being awarded funding from the Rural Task Force in the amount of \$578,000. This is a 20% match meaning the Village is responsible for \$115,600. This funding will be used to make repairs to VanBuren Rd. South of M-81 to the Village Limit. Fleis will begin the design in the Fall of 2026 with work to begin in 2027.

New Business

- A. Appoint President Pro-Tem –**Motion** by Bouvy, 2nd by Weihl to reappoint Doug Squanda as President Pro-Tem. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Resolution 24-25-04 M-81 Closure Permit – **Motion** by Tafoya, 2nd by Squanda to approve resolution 24-25-04. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. Council Seat Application – Manager Raymond or staff from the office will contact Dallas Quarrels and request he attend the February council meeting. A background check will also be completed prior to the February meeting.

Public Comments: Chris Rogner, the new Denmark Township Clerk, was present and introduced himself to the council.

Items for next agenda:

M-81 Flooding Project
Community Park
Council Vacancy
General Fund Cash Balance

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Owens, Clerk

Approved By: Courtney Owens Date: 2-10-25